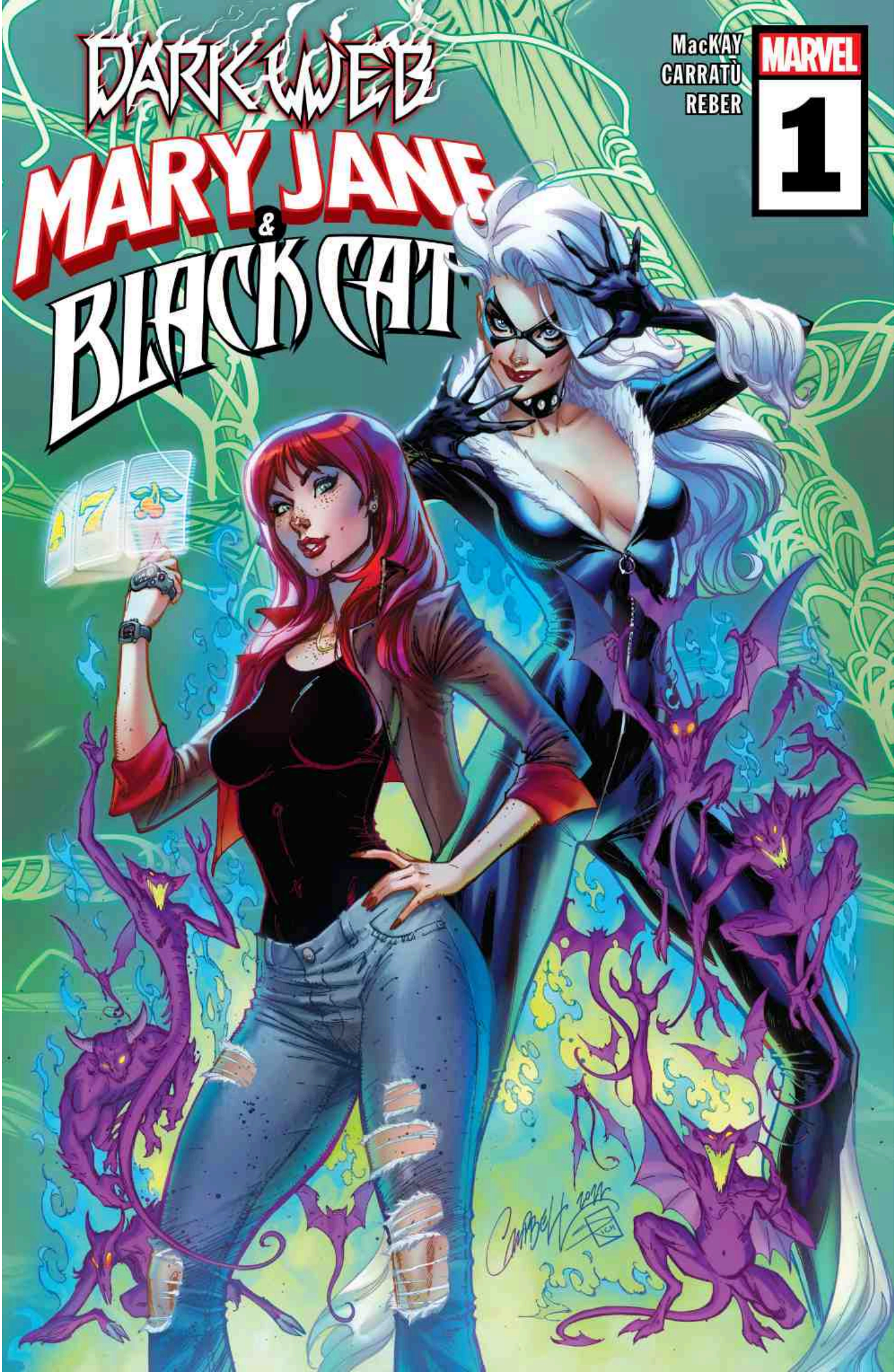
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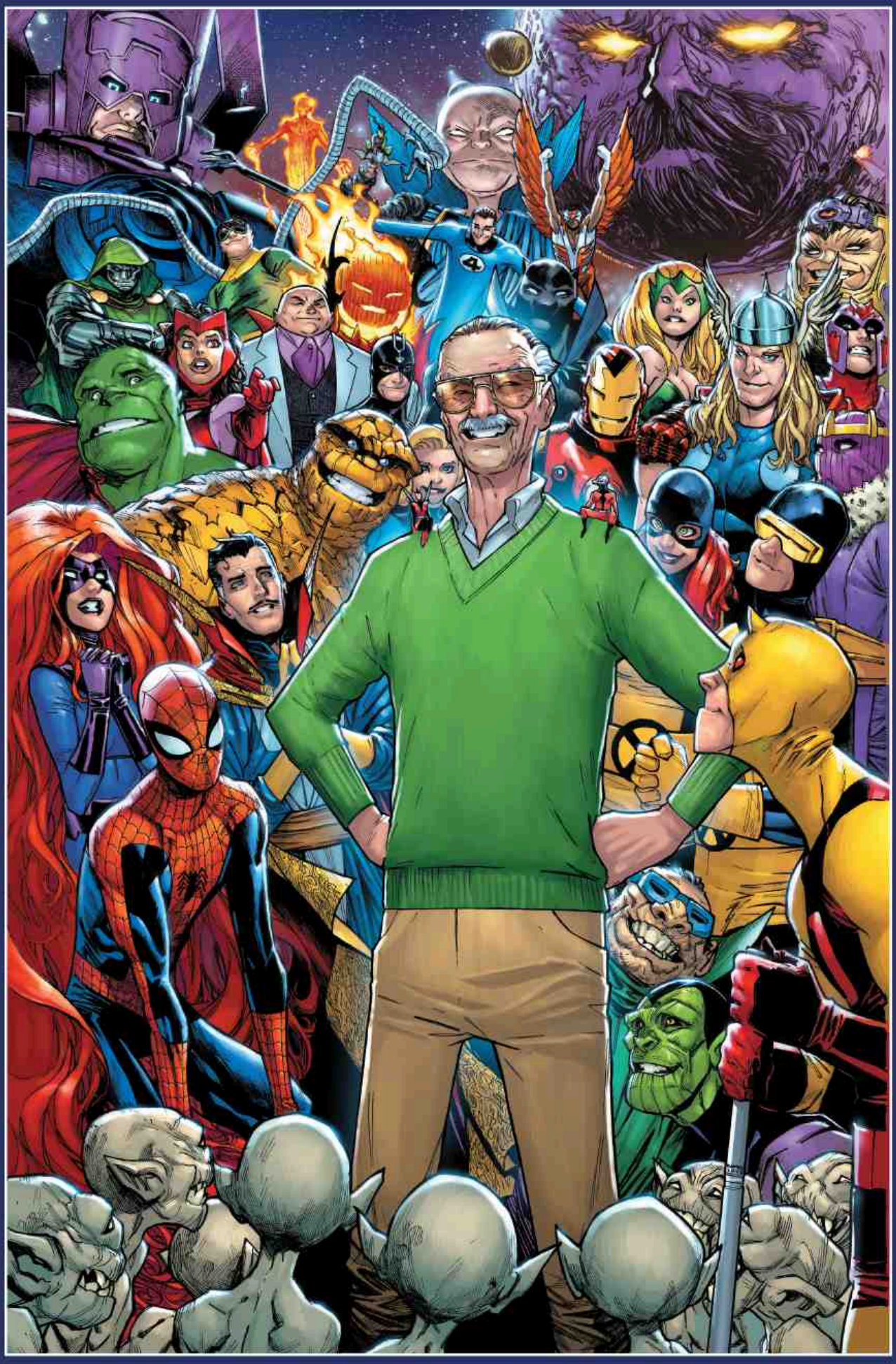
100 YEARS AND STILL INSPIRING US ALL



WE LOVE YOU, STAN!

MARY JANE & BLACK CAT

DARK WEB

MARY JANE WATSON's many talents and ambition have led her to success as an actor, executive, fashion model, and business owner. Now she's taking on a new role—as a mom! So of course it stands to reason that her budding friendship with the world's greatest thief—**FELICIA HARDY**, A.K.A. the **BLACK CAT**—will never, ever get in the way of that or complicate her life in the slightest!

Two people who may complicate matters are **BEN REILLY**, the clone of **PETER PARKER**, A.K.A. **SPIDER-MAN**, and **MADELYNE PRYOR**, the clone of **JEAN GREY**, A.K.A. **MARVEL GIRL**, who have recently sworn revenge against those who have historically wronged them as **CHASM** and the **GOBLIN QUEEN** of Limbo! Naturally, their first targets are the good people of New York City!

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SO.
NEW YORK'S GONE ALL TO HELL.
AGAIN.
BUT HEY, SILVER LINING--THIS TIME, IT'S NOT MY FAULT.
DAILY BUGLE
FELICIA HARDY: LUNCH

BEST I CAN FIGURE IS THAT BEN REILLY, A.K.A. CHASM, HAS COMPLETELY LOST THE PLOT AND MADE ALL THIS HAPPEN...
...EVEN GOT HIS OWN REDHEAD ACCOMPLICE.
WHAT IS IT WITH THESE GUYS?
DAILY BUGLE
BREAKING: YOU'RE DEAD
NOW WE'RE ALL ASS-DEEP IN DEMONIC NEWSPAPERS.
BUT THEY'RE STILL JUST PAPER...
...AND PAPER BURNS.
FASSSHH
SKREEEE!

AND SPEAKING OF REDHEADS...
...I KNOW WHERE I HAVE TO BE.
EVEN THOUGH I REALLY DON'T WANT TO.
BUT HE NEEDS HER TO BE OKAY.
AND BECAUSE I APPARENTLY NEVER LEARN ANYTHING FROM MY EXPERIENCES, I CARE ABOUT WHAT HE NEEDS. ALL OVER AGAIN.
LOOK. I LIKE MARY JANE.
WE'RE FRIENDS. WE'RE GOOD.
BUT LAST TIME WE HAD A HEART-TO-HEART, SHE WAS WITH SPIDER, AND I TOLD HER I DIDN'T WANT HIM BACK.*
AND NOW... WELL, NOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED.
*SEE MARY JANE AND BLACK CAT: BEYOND! --ED

BUT CHANGE OR NO CHANGE, HE'D WANT ME TO KEEP HER SAFE, BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T HAVE...
...SUPER-POWERS?

"OH NO, MARY JANE, IT'S NO TROUBLE! WHAT ARE SISTERS FOR?
"I JUST GOT NEW ONES. YOU CAN HAVE MY OLD APPLIANCES--THERE'S PLENTY OF LIFE LEFT IN THEM!"
A LITTLE TOO MUCH LIFE, GAYLE!
A LITTLE TOO MUCH!
IT'S OKAY NOW.
THAT TOASTER BURNED ITS LAST BAGEL.
HEYYYY, MJ...
OH NO.

THAT WAS A COOL LOOK.
YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING.
I ABSOLUTELY SAW SOMETHING.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND CERTAINLY NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM--
WERE YOU HOLDING OUT ON ME WHEN WE SCUFFLED WITH TOMBSTONE AND THE HOOD LAST YEAR? BECAUSE SUPER-POWERS WOULD HAVE BEEN REAL HELPFUL--
YEEK!
URK--

AHHHHHH! GROSSS!
UNBELIEVABLE.
YOU! GET THE KIDS INTO THE BASEMENT AND LAY LOW. I'LL CALL FOR HELP--
BUT MARY JANE--
YES, I KNOW. I'M GOING TO GET HER.

...RASSUM FRASSUM...
STARK! STARK, DON'T HANG UP--
I'M A LITTLE BUSY, FELICIA.
OH, GEE WHIZ, I'M SO SORRY. BECAUSE I'M JUST HAVING A BALL OVER IN QUEENS.
OKAY, OKAY.
JUST THE LOVELIEST TIME.
WHAT DO YOU WANT, FELICIA?
I NEED SOME PEOPLE LOOKED AFTER.
SEND A SUIT OR SOME DRONES OR SOMETHING TO THE ADDRESS I'M SENDING NOW.
WHAT? I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!
IT'S FOR MARY JANE WATSON.
...
DONE. I'M TASKING A FLIGHT OF WILD/HUNT DRONES--THEY'LL BE THERE IN EIGHT MINUTES.
THANKS, STARK.
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO FOR YOU, FELICIA?
YEAH, ACTUALLY--
TTTT!
CALL HAS BEEM TERMINATED.

HSSSSS
OKAY. GOT TO CALM DOWN.
GOT TO SPIN FOR A NEW POWER.
THIS!
SUCKS!
JUST GOT TO REACH OUT, FEEL THE POWER.
FEEL THE ENERGY...
...AND THEN GRAB IT...
...AND PULL.

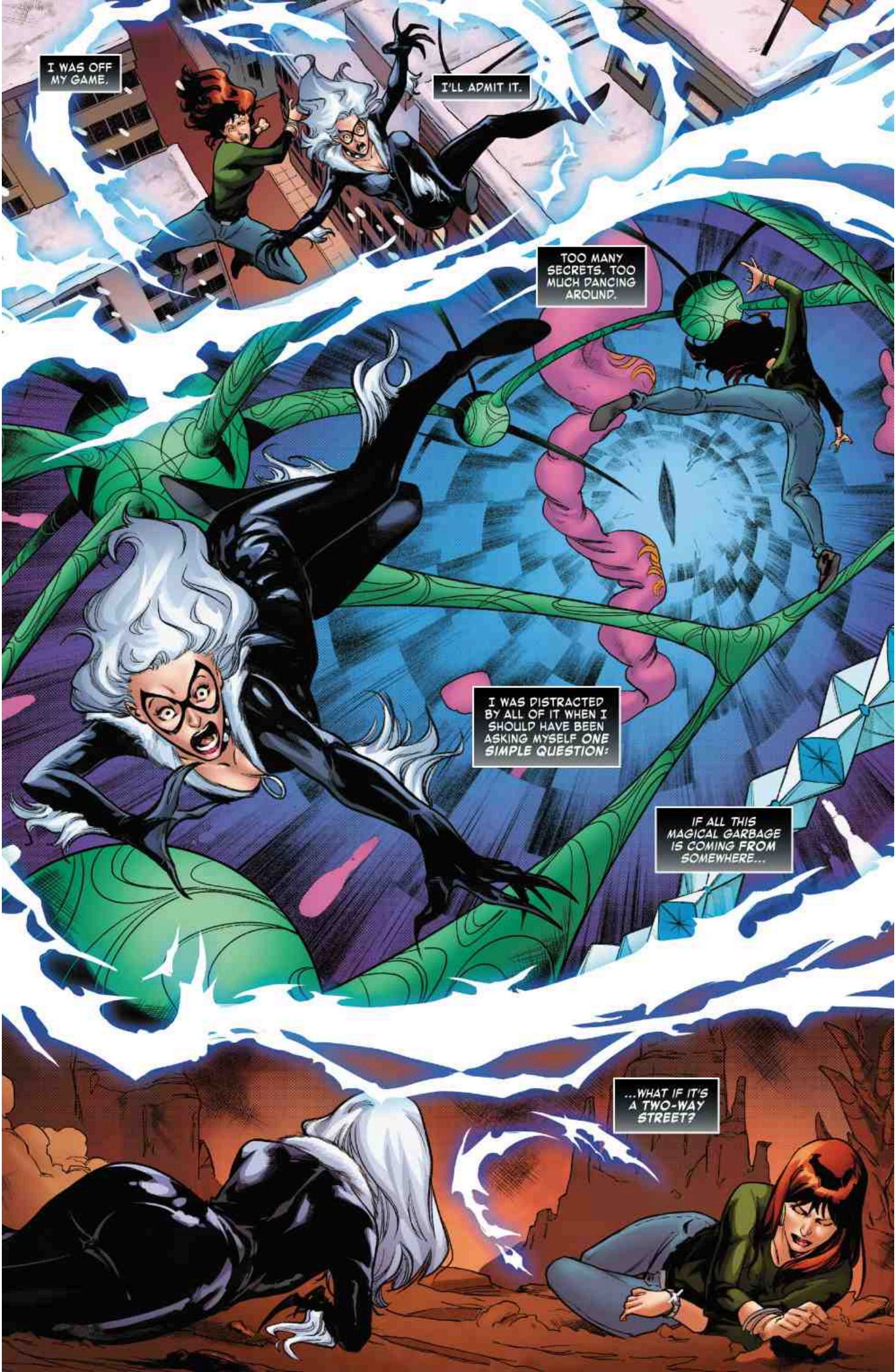
LET'S SEE WHAT FABULOUS PRIZE WE'VE WON.

OKAY.
"LET'S GO SAVE THE DAY."
DAMN, MJ!
ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT? ARE YOU AN AVENGER?
ARE YOU A *MUTANT?* THAT'S SO HOT RIGHT NOW!
NOT NOW, FELICIA!

SHEESH, EXCUSE ME FOR BEING INTERESTED.
YOU'RE NOT JUST GOING TO ACCEPT THAT IT'S MY BUSINESS, ARE YOU?
CATS AND CURIOSITY: YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES, BABE.
"DO I EVER."
WHAM!

DO I EVER.
YOUR FAMILY'S TAKEN CARE OF, BY THE WAY.
I CALLED UP TONY STARK AND HE SENT SOME ROBOTS OR SOMETHING.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU TWO WERE FRIENDS.
OH, WE'RE NOT. BUT IT TURNS OUT THAT HE'LL MOVE HEAVEN AND EARTH FOR *YOU.*
WHAT'S *HAPPENING,* FELICIA? WHAT'S GOING *ON?*
IT'S... IT'S BEN REILLY.
OH GOD, *BEN?*
HE'S ENGINEERED SOME KIND OF DEMONIC PLAGUE. LIKE WHAT HAPPENED *YEARS AGO.*
I REMEMBER-- I WAS ATTACKED BY *LIVING JEWELRY.*
HA! I GUESS A TOASTER AND A WATER TOWER IS A LITTLE DOWN-MARKET IN COMPARISON.
WHAT CAN I SAY? I SETTLED DOWN. CAN YOU GET ME BACK TO THEM?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FLY OFF ON YOUR OWN? WITH YOUR *SECRET SUPER-POWERS?*
FELICIA, PLEASE.
OKAY, OKAY.

DOES HE KNOW?
OF COURSE PAUL KNOWS.
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT.
...
NO. AND I WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.
I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU, FELICIA.
SURE.
LIKE YOU CAN TRUST ME TO NOT MOVE IN ON YOUR EX AFTER I SAID I WOULDN'T.
ERR, YEAH, TOTALLY.
CHANGE THE SUBJECT, CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
SURE IS A LOT EASIER TO SCHLEP YOU AROUND THAN IT WAS WOLVERINE, I'LL TELL YOU THAT MUCH.
HA! IT'S HARDLY MY FIRST RODEO.
DAMMIT.
HOW IS PETER?
DAMMIT.
HE DOESN'T SEEM... GREAT LATELY. I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
OH, YOU KNOW HOW HE IS. MIXING IT UP WITH TOMBSTONE, GETTING HIS ASS KICKED. THE USUAL.
TOMBSTONE. BRRRR.
YOU'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, WON'T YOU?
LISTEN, MJ--
OH, FOR GOD'S SAKE.


I WAS OFF MY GAME.
I'LL ADMIT IT.
TOO MANY SECRETS. TOO MUCH DANCING AROUND.
I WAS DISTRACTED BY ALL OF IT WHEN I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASKING MYSELF ONE SIMPLE QUESTION:
IF ALL THIS MAGICAL GARBAGE IS COMING FROM SOMEWHERE...
...WHAT IF IT'S A TWO-WAY STREET?

WHAT THE HECK?
OH BOY, DO I *HATE* MAGIC STUFF.
WHAT *FRESH HELL* IS THIS?
NOTHING *FRESH* ABOUT IT, EARTH-GIRL.
LIMBO'S AS OLD A HELL AS THERE *IS*.
ONLY QUESTION IS *WHY* WE *KEEP* GETTING *EARTH GIRLS* DUMPED ON US, PUTTING EVERYTHING *TOPSY-TURVY*.

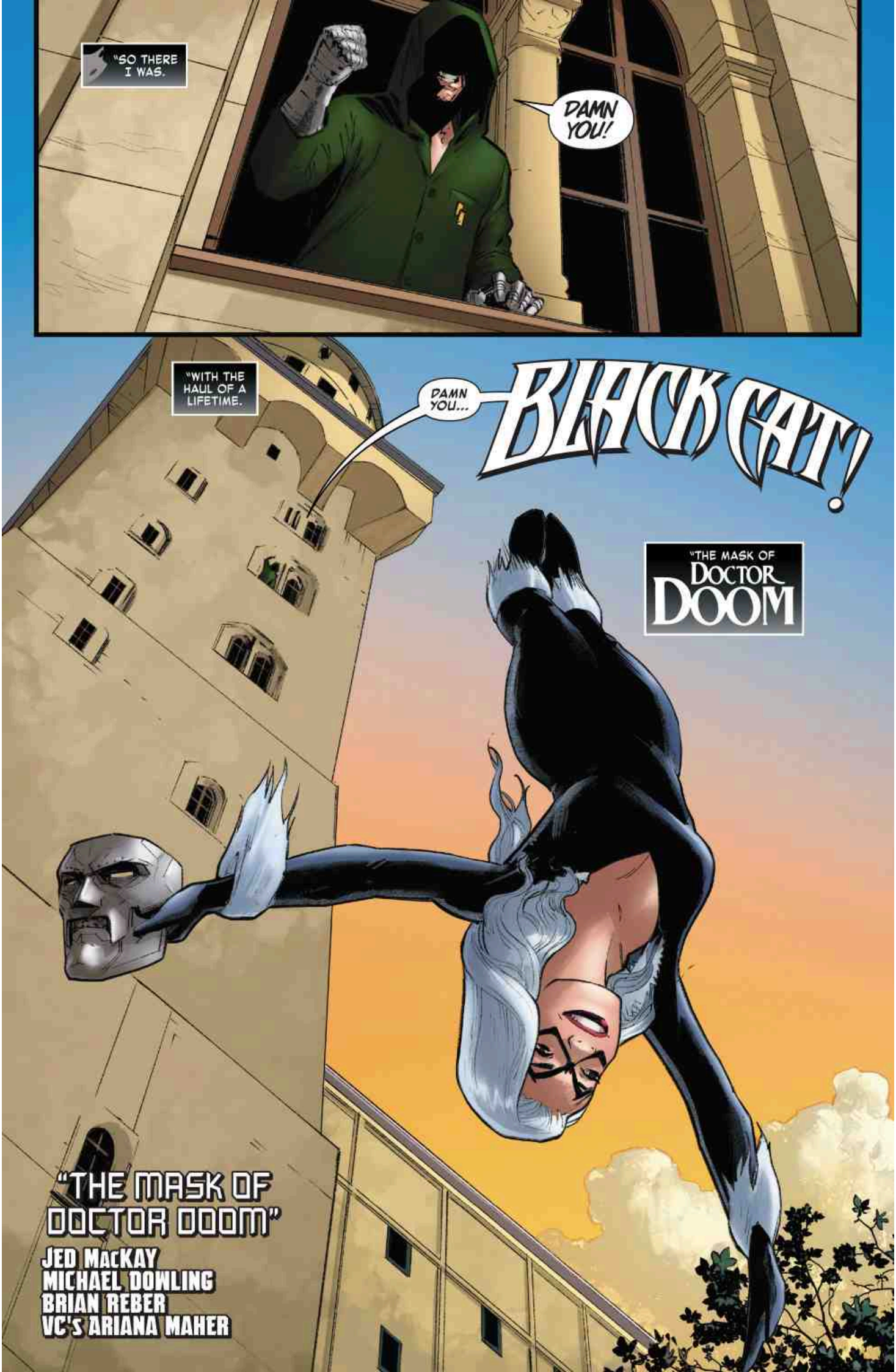
WE DON'T WANT TO BE HERE ANY MORE THAN YOU DO, PAL. MJ?
JUST GOT TO TAKE A SPIN.
BAR
BAR
BAR
HYAAA!
WHAT--?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
GO ON. SHOW THEM YOUR LIGHT SWORD OR WHATEVER.
ERR.
ABOUT THAT. HAD SOME BAD LUCK THIS TIME.
I APPEAR TO HAVE THE FORM OF AND CONTROL OVER PUDDING.

THIS TIME? BAD LUCK?
WHAT IS THIS, BINGO?
IT'S LIKE SLOTS. EVERY TIME I ACTIVATE IT, I GET A DIFFERENT POWER.
AND I SPECIFICALLY REMEMBER TELLING YOU THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.
HEY.
EARTH GIRLS.
IN A MINUTE!
OH--
--RIGHT.

AHEM, LADIES, GENTLEMEN...
AHEM.
I SAID "AHEM."
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE *RECEPTION*, LADIES.
AFTER ALL, IT WAS *I* WHO INVITED YOU HERE WHILE THE BORDERS BETWEEN OUR WORLDS ARE SO *POROUS*.
BECAUSE, WHILE THE... *PUDDING-WOMAN* IS A CHARMING BONUS, IT IS A *THIEF* I REQUIRE.

AND BELASCO GETS WHATEVER IT IS THAT BELASCO REQUIRES.
TO BE CONTINUED!

DEE DEE DEE DEE!
6:00
DEE--
CHUNK
6:00
...EVEN DEVICES SLEEP WHEN DOOM COMMANDS IT...
NOW TO GREET A NEW DAY WITH A MINTY FRESH...
...MASK?!
FIXOMASK


"SO THERE I WAS.
DAMN YOU!
"WITH THE HAUL OF A LIFETIME.
DAMN YOU...
BLACK CAT!
"THE MASK OF DOCTOR DOOM
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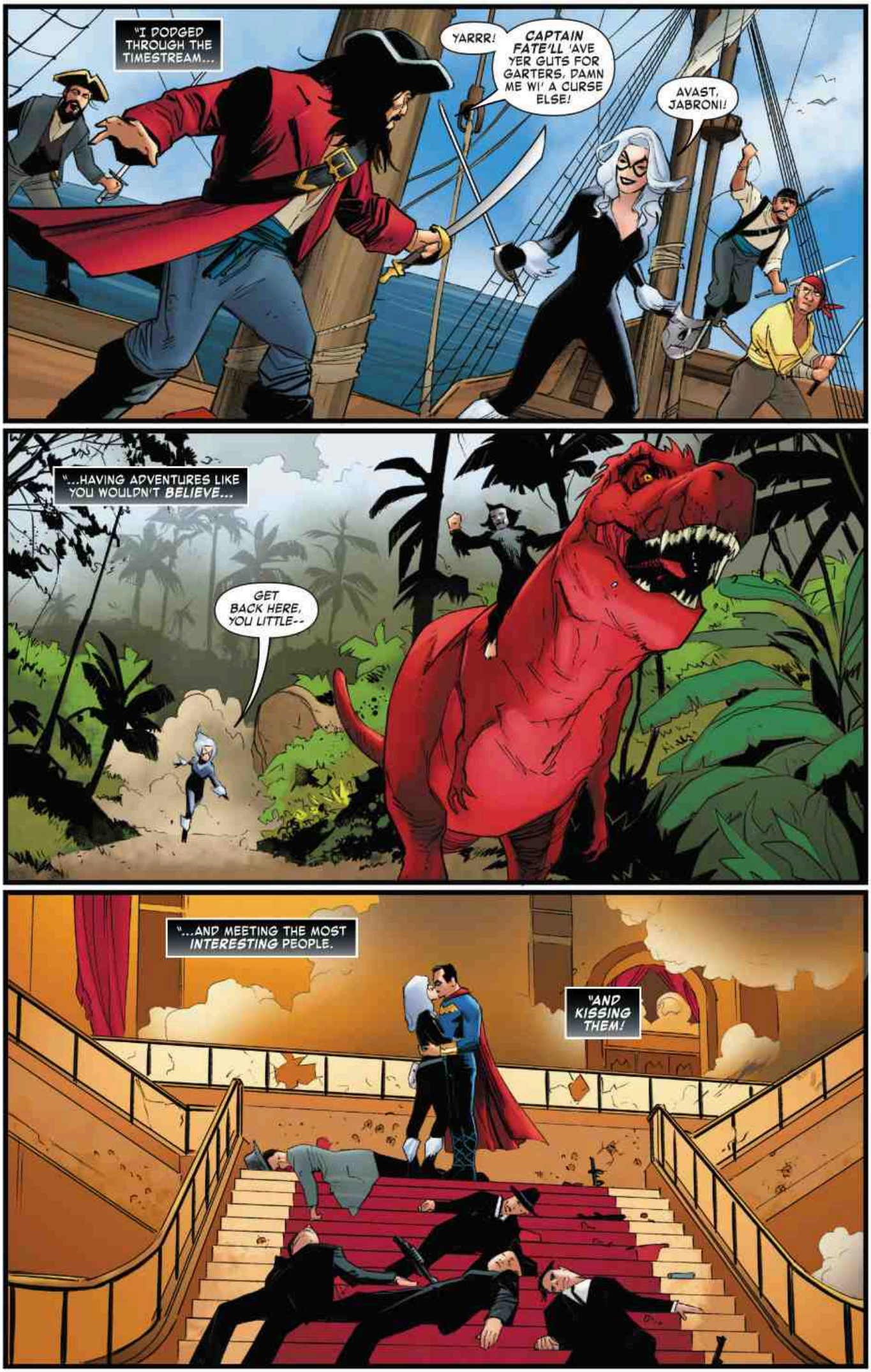
"NOW, I KNEW THAT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD I RAN...
"...DOOM WOULD FIND ME.
ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD YOU RUN, DOOM WILL FIND YOU!
"LUCKY FOR ME...
"...DOOM HAD LEFT ME WITH THE PERFECT GETAWAY.
DOCTOR DOOM'S TIME PLATFORM.
HELLO, BEAUTIFUL.

DO NOT--
DOOM FORBIDS YOU--
TOO LATE, DOC.
SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAGES.
"DOOM COULD CATCH ME ANYWHERE...
"...BUT WHAT ABOUT ANYWHEN?


"I DODGED THROUGH THE TIMESTREAM...
YARRR!
CAPTAIN FATE'LL 'AVE YER GUTS FOR GARTERS, DAMN ME WI' A CURSE ELSE!
AVAST, JABRONI!
"...HAVING ADVENTURES LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE...
GET BACK HERE, YOU LITTLE--
"...AND MEETING THE MOST INTERESTING PEOPLE.
"AND KISSING THEM!

"FROM SOME UGLY PLACES...
I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO PUNCH OUT AN HONEST-TO-GOD NAZI!
"...TO SOME PRETTY NICE ONES.
"I EVEN MADE IT TO THE FUTURE, REMIND ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT ONE..."
I... SURRENDER.
YOU'VE BESTED ME, BLACK CAT.
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR, BABY.

...SO ANYWAY, I BEAT THE BADDIES, KISSED ALL THE GOOD-LOOKING BOYS AND GIRLS, AND NOW...
...I SEE YOU AND RAISE: THE MASK OF DOCTOR VICTOR VON DOOM!
...
HMM.
THIS SAYS IT WAS MADE IN MEXICO, FELICIA.

WOW, DOOM OUT-SOURCES?
WHO WOULD HAVE--?
I MEAN, THAT'S A REAL VULNERABILITY. YOU HEROES SHOULD GET ON THAT--
...
FINE, I FOLD.
BOOOO!

AND NOW, THE LATEST OF THE EVER-SOUGHT-AFTER AND INCREASINGLY ELUSIVE MIGHTY MARVEL PINUPS! THIS TIME STARRING
MARY JANE & BLACK CAT

DARK WEB SPINS ON...

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